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Brent:

This was discussed at the CFI meeting. Rumsfeld and others at the Pentagon are very high on this fellow. I want to announce this when I return from my trip I think the announcement should come from here, inasmuch as the job, at this point, as head of the Intelligence Community Staff, does not require either promotion or Senate approval.

George Bush

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

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Assistant to the President for

National Security Affairs

FROM:

George Bush

Director

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Dear Mr. President:

After great consultation, I decided to name head of the Intelligence Community Staff. came strongly recommended from the Secretary of Defense and others and I am confident he will do a first-rate job.

As you know, the job is not, at this point, a Presidential appointment. The Executive Order did create two Deputies. I understand that it is intended that this job eventually be a Presidential appointment requiring Senate confirmation. I have, talked to the White House on this and I have been encouraged to take the ball on getting legislation started for your consideration.

and I both agree that this should be a 4-Star slot with or without Senate confirmation, and I would like to discuss this with you on my return from Europe. I am convinced is going to do a first-class job.

Things are moving pretty well,

Sincerely,

George Bush

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